

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES: MARCH 09, 2020

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Parish Council meeting was held at 6:00pm in the 2nd floor conference room, Scanlan Center, St. George, UT.

Present: Father Dave Bittmenn, Tim Kockler, Rita Cohen, Jane Mruczek, Carole Drake, Don Drake, Juan Carbajal, Mariana Lawrentz, Ricardo Martinez, and Sheila Redman.

Father Bittmenn opened the meeting with a prayer.

Jane Mruczek then distributed paper copies of the amended pages 7-8 to the Constitution as well as printed copies of the last minutes to those who needed printed copies. There was a motion to approve the minutes; Sheila Redman approved and Juan Carbajal seconded the motion.

Rita Cohen then gave an updated report re Cinco de Mayo. She had gone to the City for permits and is still waiting for them; she has already received a check for the permits. Details included: a route suggested by the police captain, list of volunteers, four (4) tickets given to her by Tuacahn, \$105 in donations gathered by Sheila Redman. Rita reminded us that, since we have only 5-6 long tables, we need more tables and chairs (16-17 tables), about 30 prizes for the children, and paint. Don Drake suggested trying to find someone to rent or make us tables and chairs.

Rita is still looking for volunteers, students to help with activities, and more \$\$\$ donations. Hopefully, our ushers will help with the set-up and take-down procedures. Rita will make flyers and get more prizes.

Father Dave suggested getting possible volunteer names from the church membership.

Tim Kockler reported on his meeting with the Knights of Columbus re an Oktoberfest. The Knights are open to ideas re funding and sharing that funding. Tim will chair the committee to obtain, in writing, the details re who would work and what percentage of the take would go to the Church. Ideas to draw people in include, for example, a walk ending at the church.

Sheila Redman read a letter from a parishioner asking if 1 or 2 teenagers could attend the parish council meetings. They would attend as passive observers, see how the process works, and learn something about the items discussed. Sheila recommended two students: Ben Roldan and Sophie Penate.

Tim brought up the topic of speakers invited to the parish. One consideration is that the speaker be bilingual. Other considerations include: a> time-line; b> budget; c> do we charge for the speaker? Speakers would have to complete a form if they are not from this diocese. Some suggestions made were: Brendan Cruz, Scott Hahn, and Tracy Welliver. It was mentioned that Tracy would be a return visit and that Scott Hahn might cost around \$3500. It was also mentioned that it might be hard if we needed to charge admission.

It was also mentioned that we could use the Survey Monkey on the computer to get feedback re speakers.

Don Drake reminded us that the Finance Committee starts its work in May and all decisions are made in June.

A discussion re the showing of the Passion movie followed. The time discussed was Good Friday around 6:00pm with doors opening at 5:30pm. Details include deciding between a 200-seat auditorium for \$200 versus a 1000-seat auditorium for \$300. There is no guarantee on attendance since many people might not be amenable to a movie on Good Friday; many prefer spending time in church. It was suggested that there be no entrance charge; instead, donations could be asked for after the movie. Another suggestion was to extend the invitation to the Interfaith Council. No final decisions were made. The contract could be made via email.

Father Dave then announced the message from the Bishop re the Corona Virus. The Corona Virus Alert includes:

- No holy water in the fonts

- No chalice

- No shaking hands

- Ministers to use hand-sanitizers

- People who do not feel well should stay home

- Recommendation: receive the HOST in your hand, rather than by mouth.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 06, 2020 at 6:00pm.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane H. Mruczek